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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced that EDWARD J. TROBER, age 56, of 3082 Keebler Road, Collinsville, Illinois, was sentenced today to 10 years imprisonment, to be followed by a period of 5 years supervised release. In addition, he was ordered to forfeit to the United States 11 vehicles and 2 trailers, over \$100,000 in currency, several bank accounts, his interest in a Florida business known as Dermal Screening Centers, and 5 homes and accompanying real estate.

EDWARD J. TROBER pled guilty on April 14, 2005, to charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute approximately 20,000 kilograms of marihuana and possession with intent to distribute marihuana. He was the leader of a marihuana conspiracy that brought large quantities of marihuana into Southern Illinois over a 20-year period.

This case was investigated as part of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. Participating agencies included the Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Services, and Illinois State Police. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Ranley R. Killian and Michael Thompson.